



St Mary's RC School
PTA
Parent-Teacher Association
Charity No. 1180380

Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Spring Term PTA Newsletter!
Can you believe we are nearly half way through the school year?

We would like to begin by thanking our outgoing secretary, Charlene Castle, for her hard work over the past year. We look forward to working with Charlene in her new role as Infant Vice Chair.

The Autumn Term was incredibly busy for the PTA. In just one term, we raised a whopping £3641; allowing us to fund new netball kit for the team, provide snacks for both the KS2 theatre trip and the class Christmas parties, and give every child a Christmas present. A huge thank you to all of you who so generously put in the time and effort to make every event a success.

This newsletter is a summary of what we have done so far, and what's coming up next.

Our first PTA event of the year was the much-anticipated **Masquerade Party**. Tickets for this event sold out in just 2 days and raised an incredible £1091. The children enjoyed making their own masks, taking photos in the photo booth, UV face paints and light-up toys. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, and to Miss Preedy and Miss Ruhan for staying late. Ticket sales are well underway for our **Junior Disco on Friday 8th February**. We are looking forward to a fun filled evening of dancing and pizza! We are also excited to announce that Shelley's Treats will be hosting our **Infant Disco on Friday 1st March**. Siblings of all ages are welcome but will require a ticket. We hope you can make it!

Thank you to everyone who came to the St Mary's **Christmas Fayre**. We hope you enjoyed playing our games, decorating a gingerbread man, and visiting Santa! This busy event is shared with the parish and raised £1551 for our PTA.

Upcoming Events

Junior Disco – Friday 8th February,
6.30-8.30pm, Parish Centre

Infant Disco – Friday 1st March,
6.30-8.30pm, Parish Centre

PTA Meeting – Tuesday 2nd April
6.30-8pm, School Hall

PIP Planning Meeting – Thursday 9th May,
7.30-9pm, Slug & Lettuce

Junior Film Club – Tuesday 14th May
5pm Pick Up, School Hall

Infant Film Club – Tuesday 21st May
4.45pm Pick Up, School Hall

We would love to hear from you! Do you receive our emails? If not, send us your email address and we'll add you to our mailing list, ptaofstmarys@hotmail.com.

Our autumn term **Film Club** proved very popular, raising £578. Our infant children enjoyed a Christmas classic, The Snowman, followed by The Snowman and The Snowdog, whilst our junior children enjoyed Hotel Transylvania 3. Thank you to Miss Preedy and Miss Hill for staying after school to supervise the children.

Our next film clubs are on 14th/21st May, please speak to a member of the committee if you are able to help supervise this event.

We hope you liked the **Christmas Cards**, gift wrap and coasters created by your children this year. Thank you to those who placed an order, we raised £174.

This Christmas saw the first St Mary's **Wreath Making Workshop**.

Thank you to Angela at Floral Scenter who kindly donated her time to make this event possible. We raised a fantastic £247.

We would love to see as many parents as possible using our **Easy Fundraising** page, raising money for free while you shop online. There are over 3,500 well-known online stores such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com, eBay, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

It's a really easy way to help us raise funds and we'd really appreciate your help so please register to support us at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryspsptaharborne/>

It's fundraising for FREE!

Our next **PTA Meeting** will be on **Tuesday 2nd April at 6.30pm** in the school hall. Please join us and share your ideas. Simply by being parents of the school you are all PTA members and all are welcome.

We will also be meeting to plan our biggest event of the year, the Party in the Playground (PIP) on **Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm** in The Slug and Lettuce.

Committee

Chair – Felicity McCabe
Infants Vice Chair – Charlene Castle
Junior Vice Chair – Rachel O'Brien
Treasurer – Imelda Lo
Secretary – Sophie Dearn
Office Bearer – Linda Singh
Office Bearer – Dearbhla Greene

Class Reps

RF – Laura Gabittas	RL – Kerry Cruise-Jones
1F – Harriet Dickinson	1L – Becky Middleton
2F – Aiste Mykhnenko	2L – Karen Lee
3F – Katia Dimitrova	3L – Lucia Alonso
4F – Marine Groh	4L – Helen Edgar
5F – Angela Garrett	5L – Anne Figgins
6F – Natalie Thornton	6L – Felicity McCabe
& Lorraine Imbimbo	